

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

POWER TO MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Pursuant to Section 5.5 of the British Columbia Secondary Schools' Rugby Union Constitution and By-Laws

“The Directors shall have the power to make such rules and regulations as the Directors in their absolute discretion consider necessary to facilitate the functioning of the Union and the promotion of its objects, subject only to approval of the same by an Ordinary Resolution passed at the next following General Meeting. All rules and regulations so made shall be binding on the Members and on all persons participating in Union activities.”

ZONES

Member schools shall be assigned to ‘zones’ as follows:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Geographical Organizations of Schools (i.e. Secondary Schools' Athletic Associations)</u>
Fraser Valley	Abbotsford / Mission Coquitlam Delta Fraser Valley East Langley District Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows Surrey
Kootenay	East Kootenay West Kootenay
Lower Mainland	Burnaby / New Westminster Lower Mainland Independent North Shore Richmond Vancouver
North and Central Vancouver Island	Central Vancouver Island North Vancouver Island
Okanagan	North Okanagan Okanagan Central South Okanagan-Similkameen West Okanagan Valley
South Vancouver Island	Lower Vancouver Island

ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

1. A Zone Representative shall act as the Executive's representative in his/her particular zone, and shall advise the Executive on matters relating to the zone.
2. Zone Representatives shall be appointed by the Executive by September 30 of the current school year.
3. The duties of the Zone Representative shall be:
 - a) To promote rugby within the schools of his/her zone.
 - b) To promote membership in the British Columbia Secondary Schools' Rugby Union within the schools of his/her zone.
 - c) To ensure that schools file all appropriate registration forms by the required date.
 - d) To be aware of local problems and situations, and to report these to the Executive.
 - e) To act as liaison between the Tournament Committee and the schools in his/her zone with regard to the Provincial Championship Tournament(s).
 - f) To attend (or delegate another person to attend) the Annual General Meeting.
 - g) To present a brief written report to the Annual General Meeting, outlining the zone's program and game results as well as recommendations for future action.

CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

1. Tier classification is based on enrolment as declared by each Member school to the Ministry of Education (Independent and Public Schools) and to their respective School Districts (Public Schools).

Enrolment is based on:

- students in grades 11 and 12, as well as ungraded students in their fourth or fifth years of eligibility, for whom full funding is received and who are declared 1.0000 full-time equivalent as recorded on the school's Form 1701 and *Student Data Collection Report*, and who are under nineteen years of age as of December 31st of the current school year, PLUS
- full-time international students enrolled at the school who are under nineteen years of age as of December 31st of the current school year, PLUS

- full-time students at the school who are registered in one of the BCSS approved exchange programs, and who are under nineteen years of age as of December 31st of the current school year, PLUS
 - full-time students at the school who are registered as School District #93 students, but who are attending classes at the school which is compiling tier designation numbers, and who are under nineteen years of age as of December 31st of the current school year.
2. For Rugby, tier placement is based upon the number of students as reported to the Ministry of Education on September 30th of the current year.
- AAA – 251 or more male students enrolled in Grades 11 and 12
 - AA – 250 or fewer male students enrolled in grades 11 and 12

ELIGIBILITY

All participating players must meet the eligibility requirements set out in Section 6 of the BC SCHOOL SPORTS Competitive Rules and Regulations.

SEASON OF PLAY

1. Each local Athletic Association shall select a thirteen-week period (exhibition and league play) for Rugby such that:
- a) it is continuous and includes the date of the Provincial Championship Tournament(s); or
 - b) it is continuous using the Fall Season, in which case a local Athletic Association may grant up to three weeks preparation to their zone representatives terminating with the Provincial Championship(s); or
 - c) it is split into two sections, the first of which must be in the Fall Season and the latter of which must include the date of the Provincial Championship Tournament(s).
2. Within the parameters of the selected season of play, the maximum number of playing days for rugby, excluding playoffs and championships, shall be twenty-six (26).

CODES OF CONDUCT

1. Coach's Code of Conduct
2. Student-Athlete's Code of Conduct
3. Spectator's Code of Conduct

See Section 2 of the BC SCHOOL SPORTS Competitive Rules and Regulations.

SANCTIONING FOR OUT-OF-PROVINCE COMPETITION

See Section 12 of the BC SCHOOL SPORTS Competitive Rules and Regulations.

VIOLATIONS OF COMPETITIVE POLICIES

1. Penalties for Violation of the Eligibility Policies
2. Penalties for Late Registration Forms
3. Penalties for Violations of 'Seasons of Play' or 'Maximum Number of Playing Days' Policies
4. Appeal Process for Disciplinary Action Taken

See Section 8 of the BC SCHOOL SPORTS Competitive Rules and Regulations.